

ASMFC 2012 Spring Meeting

ASMFC Spring Meeting April 30 - May 3, 2012

[Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town](#)

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Preliminary Agenda

Please note the following scheduling changes have been made to the Commission's Spring Meeting: (1) the Atlantic Herring Section meeting is now scheduled to begin at 1 PM on Monday (it was originally scheduled for 10 AM - Noon on Monday); (2) the American Lobster Board will be meeting at 3:15 PM on Monday (it was originally scheduled for 1:15 - 3:15 PM on Monday); (3) the Tautog Board, which was scheduled to meet on May 1, has been cancelled; (4) the Atlantic Striped Bass Board has been moved from Monday afternoon to Tuesday morning (8:30 - 10 AM).

The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of meetings. Interested parties should anticipate meetings starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

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Public Comment Guidelines

With the intent of developing policies in the Commission's procedures for public participation that result in a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

For issues that are not on the agenda, management boards will continue to provide opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will use a speaker sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

For topics that are on the agenda, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

For agenda action items that have already gone out for public comment, it is the Policy Board's intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment to allow in these

circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has *NOT* established a specific public comment period** (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

1. Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be ***April 24, 2012***) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
3. Following the Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 5:00 PM deadline, the commenter will be responsible for distributing the information to the management board prior to the board meeting or providing enough copies for the management board consideration at the meeting (a minimum of 50 copies).

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail, fax, and email.

April 30 , 2012

1:00 - 3:00 PM	Atlantic Herring Section
3:15 - 5:15 PM	American Lobster Management Board
5:30 - 7:00 PM	<u>MAFMC Public Hearing on Draft Amendment 14</u>

May 1 , 2012

8:30 - 10:00 AM	Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Law Enforcement Committee
10:15 - 11:45 AM	American Eel Management Board
1:00 - 2:00 PM	South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board
2:15 - 4:45 PM	Shad & River Herring Management Board
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Executive Committee
6:30 - 8:00 PM	Annual Awards of Excellence Reception

May 2, 2012

8:30 - Noon	Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
1:15 - 3:15 PM	Sturgeon Management Board

3:30 – 6:00 PM**ISFMP Policy Board****May 3, 2012****8:30 - 10:30 AM****Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Sharks Management Board****10:45 - 11:45 AM****Horseshoe Crab Management Board****11:45 AM - 12:15 PM****ISFMP Policy Board****12:15 - 12:30 PM****Business Session****1:00 - 3:00 PM****Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program**